

Greece is about the size of Vermont, Palestine is about one-fourth the size of New York.

India is more than a hundred times as large as Palestine.

The Great Desert of Africa has nearly the present dimensions of the United States.

The Red Sea would reach from Washington to Colorado, and it is three times as wide as Lake Ontario.

The English Channel is nearly as large as Lake Superior.

The Mediterranean, if placed across North America, would make sea navigation from San Diego to Baltimore.

The Caspian Sea would stretch from New York to St. Augustine, and it is as wide as from New York to Rochester.

Great Britain is about two-thirds the size of Hindustan, one-twelfth of China, and one-twenty-fifth of the United States.

The Gulf of Mexico is about ten times the size of Lake Superior, and about as large as the Sea of Kamohak, Bay of Bengal, China Sea, Okhotsk or Japan Sea; Lake Ontario would go in each of them more than fifty times.

The following bodies of water are about the same size: German Ocean, Black Sea, Yellow Sea; Hudson Bay is rather larger. The Baltic, Adriatic, Persian Gulf and Aegean Sea, half as large, and somewhat larger than Lake Superior.—(Carleton's Record of the Year.

"Why, Mr. Brown, who ever heard of such an idea? Think of the noise! They would litter the floor with apple skins, the teachers would have to look after them every minute. Besides, it wouldn't do to break over the rule!" Brown turned down the street. As he buttoned his coat, he said, "I wish Mrs. Smith had a little common sense, but never a word about promotion this time."

Miss Smith said to herself: "What could make Mr. Brown so cross. Have a recess in the room, indeed, because it happens to rain! Next he would want such a recess when it is cloudy, when it is cold, when it is hot, and what time could the teachers get to eat an apple and to have a little chat? No! I'll let him know that I keep the rules."

Fellow-teachers, Brown was and is right. What Miss Smith needs, what we all need, is more common sense. In pleasant, mild weather to the average boy or girl a run in school yard or well lighted play-room is beneficial. It is better for the moral and physical well-being of primary children if the teachers joined them. If, like our German friends, they directed their sports, suggested games, chose the sides, led the singing, tried to get back to their own childhood, it would be infinitely better for both parties. But we prefer to keep the rules.

C. L. compliments us on the improvement in our column. We are glad that he likes it, and intend to spare no pains to continue improving until it shall become so interesting and useful that nobody will be willing to do without it.

Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm; it is a great ally of the tale of Orpheus; it moves stones, it charms brutes. Enthusiasm is the genius of sincerity, and truth accomplishes no victories without it.—(Balzac.)

The more knowledge of grammar, geography and arithmetic will no more necessarily make a teacher than it will a doctor, lawyer or a shoemaker. To be sure, the man who learns these branches well, will make a better teacher, or mechanic, as well as a better teacher; but the requirements that make him a professional man are as different from these common branches, in the one case, as in the other. But just so long as the standard of qualification is a mere medium of grammar, geography and arithmetic, etc., so long will applicants for teachers' certificates confine themselves to these merely preparatory qualifications.

What would be thought of the lawyer who had ceased to read the decisions of the bar, or the literature of his profession; or of the minister, or professional man of any department of labor, who had ceased to read the current thoughts of his calling? And yet I can count hundreds and thousands of teachers, and some, too, occupying responsible positions, who do not take an educational paper, and whose reading, if any at all, is as foreign to the subject of teaching as it is to that of medicine or law. And often it is the case, that those who examine them, and pass judgment upon their qualifications, are but little in advance of them.

The Agriculturalist.
No man is so high as to be independent of the success of this great interest; no man is so slow as not to be affected by its prosperity or decline. Agriculture feeds us; to a great degree it clothes us; without it we could not have manufactures, and we should not have commerce. These all stand together, but they stand together like pillars in a cluster, the larger in the center, and the largest is agriculture. We live in a country of

small farms and freehold tenants; a country in which men cultivate their own fee simple acres, drawing not only their subsistence, but also their spirit of independence and manly freedom, from the ground they plow. They are at once its owners, cultivators and defenders. The cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of men. Man may be civilized, in some degree, without great progress in manufactures, and with little commerce with his distant neighbors; but without cultivation of the earth he is, in all countries, a savage. When tillage begins, other arts follow. The farmers, therefore, are the founders of human civilization.—(Daniel Webster.)

We have been furnished by a farmer friend the manner in which he disposes of his barn for summer use. Beginning with joints, he has them washed thoroughly of all the old adhering, and after drying, canvasses them in paper sacks in which he puts freely cut timothy hay, which must be very select and which must completely envelop the joint, after which he ties it securely and hangs it up for future use. He says that the aereable odor of the hay permeates the meat, giving it a delightful flavor, besides which it absorbs all the dampness from the joint, and will preserve it dry and nice for any period. The sides can be treated in the same manner, and if not canvassed the salt should be removed, as that causes the dripping in the hot weather and tends to render the meat rancid.—(Lexington Gazette.)

McLean County Items.
LIVIA, KY., March 25.

Editor Herald:

Farmers here seem to be determined on making good crops, whether they realize much or little for their labor. Wheat is looking well, and promises a fine yield. The farmers are about done sowing oats and tobacco seed, and are moving farming up with a will.

We are having no trains as yet, on the O. & R. R. We are waiting with anxiety for the final result. S. W. Rowan's sale was blown open on the night of the 20th, and all its moneyed contents taken by burglars. The Livermore people are being very vigilant, but as yet, there is no clue to the guilty parties.

We have quite a number of prospective candidates for the Legislature, but no one has yet publicly declared themselves as such. J. C. Tanner, ex-Deputy Sheriff of Livermore district, has been spoken of, and we think he would be the right man in the right place. His qualification and standing can not be doubted by any one who knows him as they should know him. He is a man of sober habits of undeviating veracity, and is well qualified to fill the office.

We get the Herald about a week behind time, in consequence of having no trains. Success to you. Mc.

Wayside Notes.
Rockport, Ind., March 16.

Editor Herald:

I was agreeably surprised in passing through the Green River Country, to find the Herald, which is published at your town, at every point, and the people feel proud, as they should, in having such a live, and spicy paper in their midst and devoted to the interests of the surrounding country.

Our stay in Hartford was short, but very pleasant. On our arrival we took quarters with our old friend, W. T. King. William knows how to take care of the traveling public. After strolling hands with numerous old acquaintances, and a good night's rest, we found Mr. Rice with convenience to take us to Owensboro. Starting, we found the road not any too good. Stopped a moment at Bella, a small place on the road, found J. A. Goldshaw, formerly of Owensboro, making himself agreeable to the people of this section. After warming, as the wind was facing and keen, we left; arriving at Bedford, and as court was in session, quite a number of citizens were on hand to have justice doled out. Pleasant Ridge, our next; found Stevens & Johnson all smiles and happy. The farmers are all busy preparing for an early crop.

Reaching Owensboro, found business fair, considering the financial business money.

As nothing occurred on my route to interest your numerous readers, I will close.

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January 20th, 1879. 5-131

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